

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 24, 2006

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert and Leader Pelosi:

We are writing in support of the agricultural disaster provisions that were included during Senate consideration of H.R. 4939, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery for 2006.

We hope that the House conferees will accept the inclusion of these provisions designed to provide assistance to crop and livestock producers who suffered losses as a result of the multitude of natural disaster conditions that existed in 2005 and early 2006. These ranged from the hurricane flooding and high winds in the Gulf Region and excessive rainfall in the Upper Great Plains, California and Hawaii, to the drought in the middle portion of the Corn Belt and Southern Great Plains.

The delivery of this assistance is supported by the following groups: Agricultural Retailers Association, Alabama Peanut Producers Association, American Beekeeping Federation, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Sheep Industry Association, American Soybean Association, American Sugar Alliance, Farm Credit Council, Florida Peanut Producers Association, Georgia Peanut Commission, Independent Community Bankers of America, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Barley Growers Association, National Corn Growers Association, National Cotton Council, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Farmers Union, National Sorghum Producers, National Sunflower Association, Northern Plains Potato Growers Association, Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, USDA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, USA Rice Federation, US Canola Association, US Rice Producers Association, and the Western Peanut Growers.

We appreciate your consideration of our request, and we hope that you will support the inclusion of the agricultural disaster package in the final conference report on H.R. 4939.

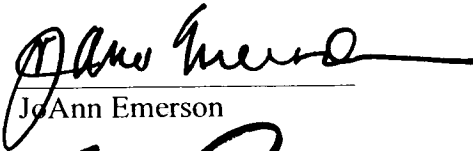
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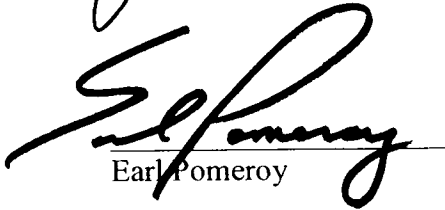
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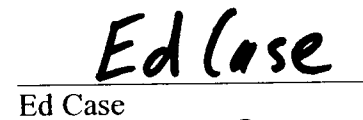
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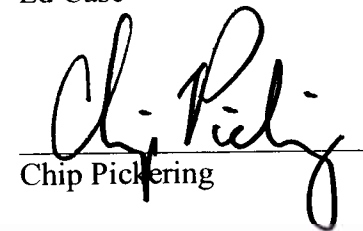
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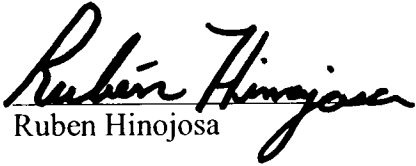
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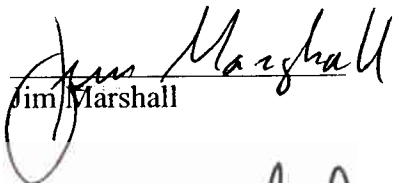

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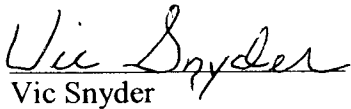

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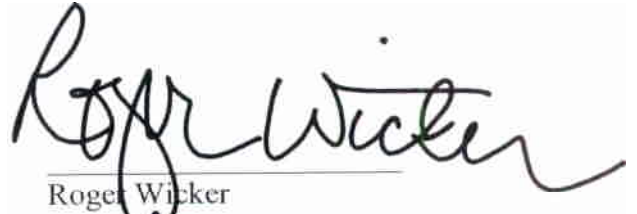

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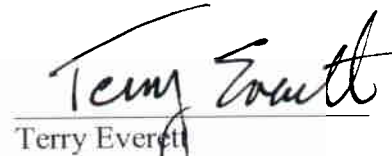

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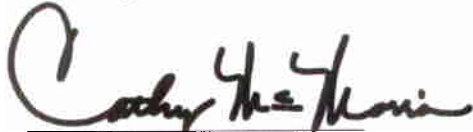

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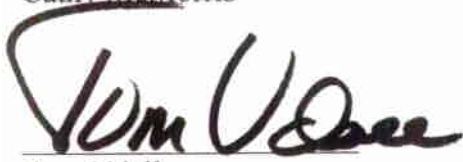

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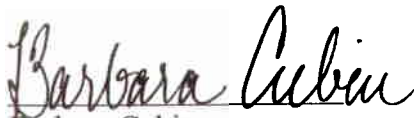

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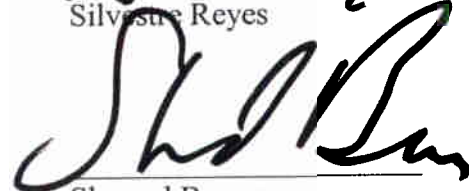

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